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[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Concerning the suspicion of plague in San Francisco.*

[Telegram.]

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 7, 1900.

No new developments—inspectors are being gradually withdrawn.

GLENNAN,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Plague suspects from the steamship Nanyo Maru released.*

PORT TOWNSEND QUARANTINE, April 2, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to state that on March 27, 1900, 13 of the Japanese from the steamship *Nanyo Maru*, who had been suffering from beriberi and detained here on account of their exposure to the case of plague taken off that vessel, were bathed and their clothing disinfected again as a final precaution, and their period of detention being up, they were permitted to go to Seattle. The remaining 4 Japanese, after similar treatment, were discharged on March 31, 1900. Everything which they had come in contact with was disinfected, even the ground around their camp being sprinkled with bichloride solution. These were the last of those detained from the *Nanyo Maru*, and developments from that source are now at an end.

Respectfully,

M. H. FOSTER,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Law for the improvement of the Virginia board of health.*

RICHMOND, VA., April 2, 1900.

SIR: Your telegram, citing the information received from Danville, was duly received. We appreciate the courtesy and have the matter under advisement.

Our board, at the last meeting of the legislature, succeeded in getting passed a most excellent law, giving the board all power and authority needed; also authorizing the appointment of local boards in every city, town, and county in the State, the State board having advisory and supervisory jurisdiction over these local organizations; so hereafter we will be equal to any emergency.

Assuring you of my esteem, believe me,

Respectfully,

PAULUS A. IRVING,  
Secretary.

*No smallpox on the steamship Hesperia.*

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 5, 1900.

SIR: Referring to Bureau telegram of the 26th, ultimo, relative to the rejection by Assistant Surgeon Heiser of 2 cases of varioloid from among the emigrants sailing on the steamship *Hesperia*, I have the honor to report that the passengers of said ship have been landed to-day and that no cases of smallpox or varioloid have been found among them. Two immigrants with fever have been held for observation. No deaths occurred during the voyage.

Respectfully,

L. L. WILLIAMS,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.